

Agency/Center	Responsibility
State Office of Emergency Services	Arranges State and regional mutual aid support and provides liaison with State agencies.
State Department of Transportation	Assists and/or provides identification and containment of all materials on State highways and freeways or unincorporated county roadways.
State Police or Highway Patrol	Provides general control of the perimeter of the incident (e.g., regulating traffic) and other roles depending on State law and incident requirements.
State Department of Fish and Game and regional water quality control boards	Provide recommendations and guidelines when hazardous materials spills are likely to contaminate streams and/or waterways or would otherwise affect wildlife resources.
State Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) personnel	Often possess technical knowledge useful to an incident commander in the areas of exposure, protection and control of hazardous materials. In an incident in which employees have been injured due to exposure, or in a prolonged incident, State OSHA personnel may respond. The State department of health employs health scientists who can help assess the potential human impact of a toxic release.
State department of environmental protection	Can predict the environmental impact of actions the incident commander is considering. (For more information about the Incident Command System, see Module B of this course, Unit 5.)
State and local fire marshal	Have specific expertise relating to chemical behavior and fire codes.
The U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety Inspection Service	The agency that oversees food inspection for human safety, including carcasses that may have been exposed to hazardous materials.